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"Let's Join Ranks and Build Indiana"

Unfortunately the growth of the Alumni Association has not kept pace with the growth of the College in the past several years. If the College is to face its future with confidence it is necessary that our alumni group, which is so essential to the College, continue to thrive and grow.

Will you therefore join the other thousands of alumni in supporting your Alumni Association by joining that group today. In addition, the Alumni Association is planning a campaign for annual giving by which each alumnus is asked to pledge an amount of \$3, \$5 or \$10 each year to support his college. The annual giving will enable the Alumni Association to prepare materials such as the Alumni Bulletin, a newsletter, and other materials sent to its alumni members.

Won't you plan to join the Alumni Association today (if you are not already a member) and pledge your fair share of annual giving to the Alumni Association.

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President of the College
Willis E. Pratt

Alumni units and individuals having news for this bulletin are urged to send same to the editor as early as possible. Give the complete details of who, what, when, where, how, and why.

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Alumni Executive Council Meeting Secretary's Minutes

October 8, 1960

The October 1960 meeting of the Executive Council of the General Alumni Association was held in the auditorium in Cogswell Hall, Saturday, October 8, 1960, at 10:00 a.m. Alumni President, Mr. Franklin George, called the meeting to order, and after extending greetings, requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May 1960 meeting since they were published in the October 1960 Alumni News Bulletin. A motion to omit the reading of the minutes was made by Mr. Roy Ankeny, seconded by Miss Ann Carlin, and carried unanimously.

Miss Mary L. Esch gave the Treasurer's Report for the period May 28, 1960, to October 8, 1960. It follows:

Balance May 28, 1960\$219.10

Receipts

Dues

Jeannette Unit\$ 81.00
Tarentum Unit 3.00
District of Columbia Unit 21.00
Dues from Individuals 201.00

Total Dues\$306.00

Contributions

Jeannette Unit\$ 25.00
Individuals 10.00

Total Contributions 35.00

Total Receipts 341.00

\$560.10

Expenses

June 1960 Alumni News Bulletin\$443.00
Publication rights for article by Margaret Mead
in June 1960 bulletin 10.00
Flowers for Alumni Day 14.42
Engrossing three Alumni Citation Certificates 5.35
Framing 1960 Alumni Citation 2.75

Total Expenses 475.52

Balance October 8, 1960\$ 84.58

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read and Mr. George stated it would be filed.

Mrs. Sally Johnson was asked to give a report on the Projects Committee meeting. Mrs. Johnson stated that the Committee had met at 9:00 a.m. in the Alumni Office and continued the discussion on annual alumni

giving which had been initiated at the May 1960 meeting. She then asked Mrs. Audrey Graham, Chairman of the Committee on Alumni Giving, to report on the action taken at the Projects Committee meeting this morning.

Mrs. Graham stated that the Committee appointed in May 1960 to study annual giving programs had not met; however, the members had worked as individuals and secured information from several colleges and universities and that the Committee would meet on November 19, 1960, to continue its work on seeking information about the alumni giving programs at other institutions. She continued that the Projects Committee at the morning meeting recommended that a letter be sent to all graduates soliciting dues for the current year and contributions to an annual giving fund—this letter to be signed by Dr. Pratt and Mr. George. She moved the adoption of the recommendation and made the proper motion which was seconded and passed unanimously. She also stated that the Projects Committee recommended that our association again become a member of the American Alumni Council so that we might receive information from the Council on alumni giving programs and benefit from experiences of other institutions. (Note: The Executive Council at its meeting in October 1954 approved a continuing membership in the American Alumni Council. The association paid its dues through the 1958 calendar year but did not pay dues for 1959 due to the small balance in the treasury.)

Dr. Arthur F. Nicholson spoke on our withdrawal from the Council of Alumni Associations of the Pennsylvania State Colleges. "We had belonged to this group for a year at a cost of \$1,200 to the Alumni Association and felt that it was no longer worthwhile to continue our membership. Shortly after we withdrew, Mr. French passed away. The group is now in an undetermined state of disorganization. We had felt originally that it would be to the advantage of our college to belong and, after a year, we found that the Association was going in no direction that would benefit us or any other college of the State. At the present time, we will watch what they are doing, and I think when I am in Harrisburg I will attend a meeting of this group—the remnants of it—and I may be able to report through the bulletin in December anything that they are doing that would be of interest. As of now, we have no obligation to this organization. We will reaffiliate with the American Alumni Council, which is in no way connected with the other organization."

Dr. Nicholson then spoke briefly on the Alumni News Bulletin. He stated that he appreciated hearing from the units and the news that is received but asked that news be sent in earlier (for the December bulletin by November 1) in order to give sufficient time to prepare the copy for the printer.

Mr. George remarked that he thought Dr. Nicholson was doing an excellent job on the bulletin as was Miss Esch on carrying the burden of the financial position.

Dr. P. D. Lott, Chairman of the College Alumni Liaison Committee, took the floor and told the audience that he and the other members of the Committee are always willing to go to unit meetings and tell of the college. He requested that the units feel free to call on him or the Committee at any time.

The President of the college, Dr. Willis E. Pratt, was asked to ad-

dress the group.

Dr. Pratt: "There are many things about the college which I would want to tell you if my speech was better. It has changed in so many ways. Our enrollment is now approximately 4,000, including part-time and graduate students. It has not only changed in size, it has changed in face. The facilities of the college have changed as you may observe. Langham Hall, Wahr Hall, Walsh Hall, and Cogswell Hall have been completed and the Library is almost finished. The Speech Education wing, an addition to Keith School, and the Student Union building are under construction; and plans for the new Athletic Field, three new women's dormitories, a Home Economics building, and a men's dormitory are well underway.

We raised \$6,000 which enabled us to build a football field and track, and since then I have obtained \$60,000 from the State for the completion of the field so that it will be complete before next fall. When complete, it will have a practice field for football, soccer, an athletic field for girls, four more tennis courts, and bleachers on both sides of the field seating 5,000.

We are planning for the three new women's dormitories on the old athletic field and for the new Home Economics building next spring. The Student Union building should be ready by Thanksgiving time.

There is not only a change in the facilities and size of the college, but also in the curricula. The Special Education Curriculum has been added which makes five special curricula in addition to Elementary and Secondary, and we have been approved to offer the Masters Degree in Music Education. I should report to the members of the Alumni Association that the Secretary of the American Association of University Women advised me that she would recommend the admission of Indiana for accreditation. So in February, the Association will take action on our request to be admitted. As to the change of the name of the college, we will have a curriculum in Liberal Arts in the very near future which will expand our student body again, because we will be able to admit students who do not wish to teach. I trust you will have a chance to look around and see the changes that have been made. Thank you very much for coming."

Mr. George: "Thank you, Dr. Pratt. We appreciate the tremendous leadership you have given the college."

Mr. George then called for old business and received no response.

Under new business, he stated that the election and appointment of the Nominating Committee is a matter of business for this meeting and that it is the responsibility of the Committee to prepare a slate of officers for the Alumni Association for the next two years. Mr. George stated that two members of the Committee are to be appointed by him, one by Dr. Pratt, and two delegates and two alternates by the Executive Council. The floor was open for nomination. Mrs. Sally Johnson nominated Miss Ferne McHenry from Indiana. Miss McHenry asked that her name be withdrawn, and Mrs. Johnson withdrew her nomination. Mrs. J. P. Clarke nominated Miss Margaret Allen of the Pittsburgh North Boros Unit, and Miss Allen also declined. Mr. Samuel Furguele made the comment that he doubted if it would be necessary for the nominees to attend more than one meeting and asked them to reconsider the acceptance of membership on the Committee, but both again declined. Miss Mary L. Esch

then nominated Mrs. L. S. Weight (Clara Wilhelms, 1918), Pitcairn, Pennsylvania, and Dr. Arthur F. Nicholson nominated Mr. Roy Ankeny (1915), Apollo, Pennsylvania. Nominations were closed and Mr. George instructed the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Weight and Mr. Ankeny as members of the Nominating Committee. Nominations were opened for the election of alternates. Mrs. Sally Johnson nominated Mrs. Joseph F. Mazza (Ellen Pugliese, 1942), of the Indiana Unit and Miss Gladys Elcessor nominated Miss Betty Piper (1915), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Nominations were closed and Mr. George again instructed the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot naming Mrs. Joseph Mazza and Miss Betty Piper as alternate members of the Nominating Committee.

Mr. George stated that he was appointing Mrs. Irene Park Barbor (1934), Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Miss Blanche Ober (1937), Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and that Dr. Pratt's appointee was Mr. Elwood Sheeder (1946), a member of the Business Education Department at Indiana.

Mr. George called for unit reports and representatives from the following groups gave brief reports on their activities and plans for the year: Pittsburgh Unit, Miss Ann Carlin; Pittsburgh North Boros Unit, Mrs. Sylvia Higbee; Johnstown Unit, Mrs. Mary Keller; Kiski Valley Unit, Mr. Roy Ankeny; Indiana Unit, Mrs. Ellen Mazza; Jeannette Unit, Mrs. Dorothy Brown, and Tri-Township Unit, Mrs. Grace Forsythe.

Mr. George read the program for the day after which Mr. Samuel Furguele made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ellen Mazza and carried.

Meeting adjourned 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Bagley, Secretary

FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPT.

The department of foreign languages at Indiana State College is now being housed in Elkin Hall on the college campus.

The department which a very few years ago consisted of only one faculty member now has six full time faculty members including Dr. Edward W. Bieghler — chairman, Mrs. Rosa G. Dembo, Dr. Charles W. Faust, Dr. Herbert E. Isar, Mrs. Mildred R. Young, and Dr. Josep Vidal-Llecha.

The department of foreign languages has as its primary function the preparation of teachers of French and Spanish and also presents these languages and the cultures underlying them to the non-specialist who wishes thus to broaden his general education.

The department offers further-

more the elementary language sequence in German and Russian. The plans envisage the expansion of the language program in the future. Through the College Community Studies Series the college has been giving elementary German and Italian classes.

The department of foreign languages at Indiana State College has a fully equipped twenty-place language laboratory, each place with a double channel tape recorder. This laboratory setup is in the library room in the old Elkin House which served as the home of Judge Elkin and family for many years before the college acquired it in 1947.

Since that time the house has been used first as a dormitory for men students and then as a temporary home for the music department.

Many Changes Are Developing As The College at Indiana Grows

GIFT TO LIBRARY

● During this past year the college library has acquired a Recordak microprint reader on behalf of Mrs. Agnes Sligh Turnbull, (1910) in memory of her husband, James L. Turnbull.

This machine is designed for use with opaque microprint copy in card form up to 8 1/4" x 14". This permits the library to purchase books and periodicals in reduced or micro form for a very low cost, as well as saving storage space. Little used material is readily available for student and faculty use.

The aperture is magnified approximately 22 times on a green tinted translucent screen under normal room lighting conditions. A heavy cast metal construction keeps the focus unimpaired. The blower cools the lamp house and the frame.

This is the second 35 mm card projection machine the college library has in its possession. It is anticipated that these two readers will meet the needs of the library for several years.

A memorial plate has been attached to the frame of the reader.

LIBRARY PROGRESS REPORT

● The Rhodes R. Stabley Library will be more than 90 per cent completed at the time this bulletin is published.

Anticipated occupancy is scheduled for early 1961. Moving procedures will draw upon the school spirit of the students in using both individual and group volunteers. The regular paid student employees will be used to complete the detailed work of shifting 60,000 volumes, thousands of periodicals,

government documents, and all furnishings from the present library.

The cost of the new library will approximate \$600,000 for the building and furnishings.

Wilson Hall will be used as the social studies department's building.

INDIANA IN CONTINENTAL CLASSROOM

● Indiana State College is participating on the graduate level with Continental Classroom, the NBC television course program for college credit in the area of "Contemporary Mathematics". Alumni interested in this program should write to Dr. I. L. Stright, Director of Graduate Studies, State College, Indiana, Pa.

REVAMPED STREET

● Many alumni were concerned when the trees lining Eleventh Street between Oakland Avenue and Grant Street were necessarily torn out late last summer to make way for a street widening project.

New trees in this area have already been planted.

The Pennsylvania Department of Highways has completed a new 40 foot wide street with new sidewalks on both sides in this section. The project was the joint effort of the Indiana Borough, the Pennsylvania Department of Highways, and Indiana State College.

The roadway vastly improves one of the most heavily traveled areas in the Indiana community and the heaviest traffic route at the college. This new roadway also makes provisions for a number of additional parking spaces for cars at the college.

PARKING PROBLEM

● Concrete, constructive steps

and measures are being taken at the State College, Indiana, Pa., to overcome parking difficulties caused by the rapid increase in the college enrollment.

In a long range view of the college, Dr. Willis E. Pratt, president of the institution, said today, there will be need for area in which to park many more automobiles than are now being used by students and faculty at the college.

Many steps not noticeable to the casual observer will be taken to help alleviate the parking congestion caused in the college area by the additional automobiles being used by the vastly increasing student body and faculty over the past several years.

With the widening of Eleventh Street there was increased parking area in that vicinity, Dr. Pratt said. There is now room for about 20 more cars parking in the area behind Cogswell Hall.

The college expects to develop parking for about seventy automobiles in the area of the College Student Union Building now being built directly east of the south entrance to Whitmyre Hall.

Long range plans also include the construction of a 250 car parking lot on the new athletic field area. Part of this area may be available for temporary parking even before the new field area is fully developed, Dr. Pratt said.

STUDENT UNION ASSOCIATION

● The Student Union Association of Indiana State College has purchased a half acre property from the A. F. Moreau Company adjoining what is known as the McElhaney property on which the association is now building a new quarter million dollar Student Union Building.

The A. F. Moreau Construction

Company property is east across the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks from Whitmyre Hall on the college campus.

This one half acre now has on it buildings belonging to the Moreau firm. Part of the purchase agreement entails the tearing down of the Moreau buildings on this half acre.

The tearing down of these buildings will then provide room for some lawn and a 50 car parking lot. More room for the parking of 20 additional cars will be constructed at the rear of the new Student Union Building.

Relative to parking on the college campus, Dr. Pratt said freshmen and sophomores who reside in college buildings are not permitted to have cars on campus. This ruling applies to both men and women students living in college owned or controlled houses on the college campus.

CONVERSATIONS ON EDUCATION

● Indiana State College is producing educational radio programs regularly over two radio stations during the current year.

WCRO in Johnstown carries "Conversations on Education" each Saturday at 12:05 p.m. and WDAD in Indiana carries a second series of "Conversations on Education" each Sunday at 8:30 p.m.

The programs are directed and produced by Dr. Arthur F. Nicholson, 1938, director of public relations at the college.

"Conversations on Education" programs include discussions on such varied topics as "The United Nations," "Contemporary Poetry," "General Semantics," "Implications of Science," "Language Arts Studies in Higher Education," "The Educated Man as an American Citizen," "Who Should Go

To College," "How to Stay in College," "Placement of Teachers," and "Emerging Africa."

MASTER'S DEGREE IN MUSIC

● Indiana State College has been approved to grant the master of education degree with a major in music education by recent action of the State Council of Education, Dr. Willis E. Pratt, president of the college, announced today.

The college at Indiana will begin giving graduate work in music in the Pre-Session of the Summer Sessions in 1961.

This fall a committee representing the State Council of Education made a visitation to the Indiana State College music department and made a very favorable report on the faculty, facilities, and proposed curriculum.

This favorable report was well received by the State Council of Education and Indiana was granted the right to give the master's degree in music which makes the tenth area in which the college may now award these advanced degrees.

Graduate work was inaugurated at the State College in Indiana in September, 1957. At first the graduate program was limited to one which the students could major in elementary education.

The State Council of Education has increased this program so that now a student may complete requirements for the master of education degree in any one of the following programs at Indiana: English, elementary education, mathematics, biological science, physical science, geography, guidance, social studies, and music. The most recent one to be approved has been, of course, music.

Dr. I. L. Stright, director of graduate studies at Indiana, indi-

cated that in the Pre-Session of the 1961 Summer Sessions the first graduate course for an advanced degree in music, "Comparative Instrumental Methods," will be given.

During the Main Session of 1961 the college will offer the following music courses leading toward the master of education in music degree: "Music Literature of the 18th Century", "Advanced Band Scoring", "Music Literature of the Early Romantic Era", "Seminar in Music", and "Advanced Choral Conducting".

During the Post Session the college will offer a course in "Music Criticism."

In the first semester of the 1961-62 college year the music department will give two music graduate courses in "Advanced Instrumental Conducting" and "Composition." During the second semester two courses — "Comparative Choral Methods" and "Music Literature of the Baroque Era" — will be offered.

Persons interested in beginning the master of education program in music should write to Dr. I. L. Stright, Director of Graduate Studies, State College, Indiana, Pennsylvania.

WORLD GEOGRAPHY

● Indiana State College has been giving a course in "World Geography" over educational television station WQED in Pittsburgh this current semester. James E. Payne, geography faculty member is teaching the course at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday evenings. The course is then repeated by way of video tape Wednesdays and Fridays at 3:45 p.m., over WQED.

FOUR NEW DORMITORIES

● In the making plans for the near future are four new dormitories at Indiana State College — three to house a total of 624

women students and one to house 200 men students. The building will cost a total of about \$3,450,000. This is part of a \$25,000,000 Pennsylvania General State Authority program to build twenty-eight new dormitories for the fourteen State Colleges.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

● Flexibility and freedom with responsibility mark the student government program at Indiana State College, Dr. Willis E. Pratt, president of the institution, indicates.

The Indiana Student Cooperative Association, Inc., has the rare distinction of being a cooperative business group owned by the students and faculty of Indiana State College.

The Student Cooperative Association has formed a Student Union Association which is a holding company to own the new quarter million dollar Student Union Building being built across the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks immediately east of the south entrance of Whitmyre Hall.

In addition to this building and the adjoining half acre lot, the Indiana Student Cooperative Association owns a 100 acre farm known as the Indiana State College Lodge farm in White Township. This farm, the acreage and lodge, are used for social, recreational, and educational purposes by students and faculty of the college.

In addition, the Indiana Student Cooperative Association runs a Cooperative Bookstore which has more than \$200,000 a year annual business, two snack bars, a film library with more than 1,200 films which is one of the largest in the state, the College Cultural Life Series, Convocation programs, Athletic programs, controls student organizations, a Stu-

dent Bank, a College Central Treasury for all student organizations and has about 15 full time employees or equivalent.

STUDENT UNION BUILDING

● Rapid progress is being made on the construction of a new quarter million dollar Student Union at the State College, Indiana, Dr. Willis E. Pratt, president of the college, said today.

The new quarter million dollar, two story brick building which is located on the McElhaney property adjacent the Moreau Construction Company grounds just east of the south entrance to Whitmyre Hall, is being constructed by the College Student Union Association to be used as a Student Union Building.

This building will house social quarters, the College Bookstore, student publication offices, and a number of other facilities for students.

It is expected that this building will be ready for use by students some time in the 1960-61 academic year.

The construction of the new Student Union Building is being financed out of the Student Cooperative Association budget. Students voluntarily voted to raise their contribution from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per semester so that the additional \$5.00 per semester could go for amortizing to the cost of the new quarter million dollar building.



News Items About Indiana Grads

AS IT MUST TO ALL

● Mrs. Keturah Campbell Welty, 1895, died September 27, 1960, at her home in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

● M. Binnie McConaughy, 1901, died October 24, 1960. She taught for 48 years before her retirement in 1938. Sixteen of those years she taught in Punxsutawney and twenty in Aspinwall.

● Anna C. Hagenlocher, 1901, died Sept. 28, 1960 at her home in Pittsburgh after a long illness. Before her retirement she taught at Chatham School, Pittsburgh.

● Mrs. William R. Murphy (Lola Bee), 1902, passed away in Lakewood, Ohio, June 1, 1960.

● Miss Mary K. Santrock died at her home, Kittanning R. D. #5, on August 24, 1960. She was 88 years of age.

Miss Santrock had taught in the public schools of Armstrong County until her retirement.

● Mrs. Esther Kaplan Wechsler, 1915, died October 30, 1960, in the Montefiore Hospital. Mrs. Wechsler served as secretary of the General Alumni Association 1955-57.

● Helen Elizabeth (Weamer) Kilgour, 1912-1917, died October 28, 1960, in Saint Francis Hospital, Pittsburgh.

● Mrs. Olive Altmiller Jewell, 1918, died October 28, 1959, after a long illness. She had taught many years in the Pitcairn and Wall Borough Elementary Schools.

● Mrs. Mary Silcott Deem McGuire, 1918, died in mid September, 1960, at her home at 1811 Avery Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia. She took further work at Ohio University in Athens,

Ohio, and taught art for many years until her retirement.

● C. Greer Yount, aged 61, former Pittsburgh district manager for Sears, Roebuck & Company, drowned while swimming at Pompano Beach Florida, Monday, September 12, 1960. He attended ISC 1915-16 and 1921-22.

● Helen Beaumont Martin, member of the college music faculty 1924-1929, died in Los Angeles, California, October 25, 1960.

● Eugene L. Bernabo of Bolivar, Pennsylvania, who was graduated in August 1960, from the secondary education department died October 18, 1960.

WEDDING BELLS

● Donna Mae Everett, home economics 1956, was married June 13, 1959, to Mr. John G. Thompson of Waynesburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Thompson was graduated from the Penn Technical Institute, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and has recently accepted a position with the General Electric Company in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as an electronic technician in the Missile and Space Vehicle Department. The Thompsons at the present time are living in Waynesburg but plan to locate in Philadelphia in the near future.

● Joanne Spicher, 1958, married Reverend Stephen Woodruff III, September 2, 1960. Mrs. Woodruff received her bachelor of science degree at Indiana in home economics and her master's degree in religious education at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Reverend Woodruff is a graduate of Wheaton College, Illinois and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He is an ordained minister of the United Presbyterian Church of U.S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff are now at Edinburgh, Scotland, where Mr. Woodruff is taking graduate studies toward a Ph.D. degree in biblical language and literature.

● Glen Foster, 1959, married Yvonne Eileen Taylor August 10, 1960. Mr. and Mrs. Foster are now making their home in Milesburg, Pa. Mr. Foster is a teacher in the Bald Eagle High School, Wingate, Pa.

● Nancy F. Rider married Arthur William Lydick October 15, 1960. Mrs. Lydick graduated in May, 1960, and Mr. Lydick attended Indiana State College for two and one half years. He graduated October 7, 1960, from the United States Air Force Navigation School at Harlingen, Texas, and received his commission as Second Lieutenant in addition to his rating as a navigator.

Mr. and Mrs. Lydick are living in Biloxi, Mississippi, where Lt. Lydick is stationed at Keesler Air Force Base for advanced training in electronics and navigation.

● David John Pastir, 1960, married Marcia Kiraly August 13, 1960. Mr. Pastir is a teacher at Snowden Township High School.

SENIOR CITIZENS

● The Alumni Office recently received a communication from Mrs. D. W. Keister (Flora Vanard, 1888). Her address is Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Keister states that she will be 93 years of age on February 19, 1961.

It is interesting to note that the Alumni Office has definite knowledge that two other members of the Class of 1888 are living. These persons are:

Miss Sarah Gallaher
R. D. 2

Mahaffey, Pennsylvania
and

Miss Belle Simpson
757 Wayne Avenue
Indiana, Pennsylvania

SMALL PACKAGES

● Mrs. Kenneth T. Smith (Edna Mae Smith), 1939, of 956 West 10 Street, Erie, Pennsylvania, announces birth of a son, Sheldon Dean, on September 9, 1960. The Smiths also have an older son who is married and the father of a son who is a few months old.

NEW POSITIONS

● Catherine E. Holt, 1939, is now working in the extension service at the Pennsylvania State University as assistant state home economics leader for the northwestern Pennsylvania region comprising thirteen counties. She has her office in State College.

Miss Holt has been home economist for Indiana County and a home economics teacher at Homer City Joint High School. She is also working on her master's degree in home economics at Penn State.

● Boyd G. Plymire, 1954, is now a member of the instructional staff at Grove City College. He took his work for the master of education degree at Pennsylvania State University and the University of Pittsburgh. Before going to Grove City College, he taught business education subjects at Mars High School and at Bellefonte High School. His biographical information is in the latest issue of "Who's Who in American Education".

● Graduates of Indiana State College who began teaching at Indiana Joint High School this fall include Ray Conrath, 1960; Richard A. Hesse, 1959; John M. Riley, 1960; Carolyn J. Schrader, 1958; John Selkirk, 1959; Clifford Simpson, 1951; and Eugene Thomas, 1959.

DENVER VISITING PROFESSOR

● Louis C. Nanassy, 1936, was

visiting professor this past summer, teaching graduate courses in business education at the University of Denver. Dr. Nanassy is professor of business education at Montclair State College, Upper Montclair, New Jersey.

AWARD

● Mildred Shultz, 1937, has received the Valley Forge Classroom Teachers Medal from Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. Miss Shultz is a teacher in the fifth grade of Maple Ridge Elementary School of Somerset. The Freedoms Foundation medal was presented to her for her outstanding work to create a better understanding of the American way of life. She was one of 63 teachers in Pennsylvania to receive the Freedoms Foundation award. She has been a school teacher for 31 years and is also very active in church affairs and the Grange.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

● Howard R. Erickson, 1952, received his doctor of philosophy degree from Cornell University in June, 1960.

Dr. Erickson's doctoral dissertation was entitled, "Reproduction Growth, and Movement of Muskrats in Small Water Areas of Central New York State." His major field of study was in vertebrate zoology with minor projects in conservation education and wildlife management.

In his graduate work Dr. Erickson had for his major adviser Dr. W. Robert Eadie, professor of zoology at Cornell.

Dr. Erickson completed his thesis and course work in August, 1959, and has been employed as a science faculty member by the Maryland State Teachers College at Towson since that time. This summer he served as director of the University of Maryland's summer workshop, "Teaching Conservation of Natural Resources," a

six-weeks course for teachers.

He received his bachelor of science degree from Indiana State College in 1952, and his master of science degree in zoology from the Pennsylvania State College in 1956. He served in Korea as a Public Information Officer during most of the two years he was in the Army from 1952-54.

Dr. Erickson is married to the former Marilyn Ward from Brentwood, Pa. Dr. and Mrs. Erickson and their daughter Cheryl, age two, reside at 401 Towson Avenue, Lutherville, Maryland.

Dr. Erickson is a member of Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, and Phi Sigma honorary societies, the Maryland State Teachers Association, the American Association of University Professors, the American Society of Mammalogists, the Wildlife Society, and the Soil Conservation Society of Maryland.

The results of Dr. Erickson's research enabled him to chart growth curves for captive and "wild" newborn muskrats, establish gestation length, litter size and composition of the litters, and gave him considerable information concerning the extent and particulars of movement phenomena in muskrats. Facts were obtained in homing tendency and home range during the three year study carried out on 41 small water areas near Ithaca, New York.

Dr. Erickson presented the results of his research to the Northeast Wildlife Society Conference in Providence, R. I., in January, and to the Natural History Society of Maryland in March.

PROMOTION

● Peter C. Martucci, 1960, has supervisor by the Sealtest Foods Division of National Dairy Products Corporation.

News from the Alumni Units

INSTANO 1912

Twenty-three members of the class of 1912 met for the Fall luncheon at Stouffer's Penn Ave. restaurant in Pittsburgh on Saturday, November fifth.

Margaret Allen, Marion Brown, Helen MasLeod and Verne Martin McKee have made arrangements at the University Club for the Spring luncheon on the first Saturday of May 1961.

Verne McKee and her husband are already in Florida for the winter months.

Zilma Hague is on a motor trip to Oklahoma.

Alice Cook is spending the week end with life long friend and neighbor, Agnes Slight Turnbull in her Maplewood, N. J. home.

Edith Miller has just returned from a three months trip around the world.

A letter from Nellie Pardoe and Edith McWherter reports they are enjoying their new home in Tampa, Florida.

Florence Wallace brought us news from the Indiana Campus. Our group is intensely interested in the progress of the educational program and that of the physical plant, under the splendid leadership of Dr. Pratt.

Submitted by

Adelaide Ramsay Clarke (1912)

PITTSBURGH-NORTH BOROUGHES UNIT

The Pittsburgh-North Boroughs Unit has begun the year auspiciously.

In September we had a corn roast at the lovely home of Mrs. George Kirsch, (Clare Mae Price) in the nearby North Hills. In spite of rainy weather, forty-five members enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by our efficient Ways

and Means Committee.

Four of our members had toured Europe during the summer. Alberta Luchsinger McKain, Edna Duysters Kappel, Fannie Evans Baird, and Helen Falkenstein gave interesting accounts of their travels.

In October, the Unit held its annual benefit bridge at the Bellevue. Y.M.C.A. This is always an enjoyable event. Margaret Bardonner brought a large number of aprons which she had made during the year. She had no trouble selling them and the proceeds went into the treasury to swell our funds.

Our next meeting will be a Christmas party at the Congress of Clubs.

Submitted by

Belle A. Hanna

PHILADELPHIA UNIT

October 8, the Philadelphia Unit met at the Women's University Club House in Philadelphia with 18 present. During some socializing in the upstairs lounge on comfortable chairs and couches, tea and cookies (home-made brand) were served.

Soon President Roseanne Hane pounded her gavel for a meeting where several important motions were carried — that the new directory should be dedicated to the late C. Greer Yount who gave \$25.00 toward this publication; and that the officers compose a note of thanks and the secretary send it to the Women's University Club for the free use of their club house. The new I.S.C. brochures were passed out at this time.

Next all went downstairs where Mary Wilgus (Mrs. David C.) Birdsell, 1942, showed colored slides on Africa which Mr. and

Mrs. David C. Birdsell, Sr. had taken on one of their two trips around the world. The slides were of Kenza, Zanzibar, Victoria Park, the Congo, and South Africa. The group marveled at the beauty of composition and color in these photographs taken by the late Mr. Birdsell, Sr. Mrs. Birdsell, Sr. made vivid comments as the slides were shown. Members showed their appreciation by giving a vote of thanks to the Birdsells.

Submitted by
Mary Edna Flegal

PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS ACTS TO CONTINUE ORGANIZATION

The Council of Alumni Associations of Pennsylvania State Colleges voted to stay in operation at a meeting held in the Education Building, Room 200 in Harrisburg, November 5, 1960.

Dr. Arthur F. Nicholson attended as an observer for Indiana State College Alumni at the request of College President Pratt, Alumni President George, and Executive Secretary Esch.

The assembled members of the Council voted to continue the association with dues being at the rate of \$300 a year with the year to begin as of September 1960.

It may be recalled that in May, 1960, our Alumni Association voted not to belong to this organization at that time with the understanding that the dues were going to continue to be \$1200 a year and that Paul Comly French was going to continue to be the Council's Executive Secretary.

Since May, 1960, Mr. French has died and the Council has been reorganized to work without an executive secretary or public relations consultant as Mr. French was.

Dr. Nicholson, representing Indiana State College alumni as an observer, refrained from commit-

ting the organization to any particular course of action. But in answer to a question from the representative of the board of presidents of Pennsylvania State Colleges present at the meeting, Dr. Nicholson stated that he felt that he would recommend to the association that they take a membership out in the revised Alumni Council at the dues rate of \$300 for the 1960-61 year.

It is the understanding of the Indiana observer that \$300 is the total expenses that would be involved to the Alumni Association for membership in the 1960-61 year if the group should decide to so vote.

The officers elected for the association include president, James H. Rowland of Cheyney; vice president, Leo Lunn of Mansfield; secretary, Sarah Drake of Shippenburg; treasurer, Janice Etshild of West Chester; directors, Dr. John Wildrick of East Stroudsburg and Wallace Kerr of Slippery Rock.

PITTSBURGH UNIT

The Pittsburgh Unit held its October Meeting at the home of Mrs. Rose Brennen McManus in Mt. Lebanon, and the November one with Mrs. Besse Burkett Hill of Penn Hills. Due to our mild fall weather, both meetings were exceptionally well attended.

Plans were completed for the annual Christmas Dinner, on December 6th, at the Woman's City Club in the Penn Sheraton Hotel, Pittsburgh. Helen Brennen, Chairman of the Committee, has secured Mr. Price of the Y.M.C.A., who will present his unique program of pictures, poetry, music and scripture, suitable to the Holiday Season.

Committees were appointed by the President, Anne Carlin, for the annual Benefit and Card Party to be held Saturday, February 18th,

at the Wilkinsburg Woman's Club.

We are sorry to report the recent deaths of two of our members, Mrs. Jennie Snyder Menk, and Mrs. Esther Kaplan Wechsler, a former Secretary of the General Alumni Association.

Submitted by
Grace N. Lacock

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA UNIT

The District of Columbia Unit met for the Fall Dinner on November 5, 1960 at the In Town Motel, Bethesda, Maryland.

Fifty members and guests were greeted by our President, Mrs. Ruth Brillhart, who then introduced Mr. Henry Wiesen, Principal of a Montgomery County, Maryland School, who gave the Invocation.

After a delicious dinner, and disposing of reports and routine business, Mrs. Margaret McComb Anderson introduced our beloved College President, Dr. Pratt, who thrilled us with the slides of our new college buildings and campus, together with his taped recording of college affairs.

Many of those who attended are teachers in D.C. area schools and especially interested in teacher growth at I.S.C. After a social hour and discussion of future programs and arrangements for the big ALL-PENNA. ALUMNI LUNCHEON next February 4th at the Shoreham, we bade Dr. Pratt Godspeed on his trip back to the College and dispersed with that satisfied feeling that association with Indiana Alumni always achieves.

Those present were: Dr. Willis E. Pratt, President of the College; Mrs. Ruth Brillhart, President of the D.C. Alumni Unit; James Brillhart; Mrs. Caldwell; James Caldwell;; Mrs. Mary Piranian; Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Anderson; Mr. & Mrs. Walter Bishop; Mr. & Mrs. George I. Breisacher; Mr. & Mrs. Jack

Dahlinger; Mr. & Mrs. Guy Gien-ger & Charles;; Mr. & Mrs. Herman Hartman; Mr. & Mrs. James Hetrick; Mrs. Kathryn Jarvie & Mrs. Isabelle Jarvie; Mr. & Mrs. Lynn Kinter; Mr. & Mrs. L. Graham Lehman; Mrs. Nora McKirdy; Marie Miller & Husband; Mr. & Mrs. Keith Miller; Mr. & Mrs. S. E. Neely; Mrs. Ruby Peters; Miss Dorothy Ramale; Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Sagramoso; Col. & Mrs. Forrest Shaffer; Mr. James Startzell; Mrs. James Vail; Mrs. Charles Briner;; Mr. & Mrs. James Updegraff; Mr. Henry Wiesen.

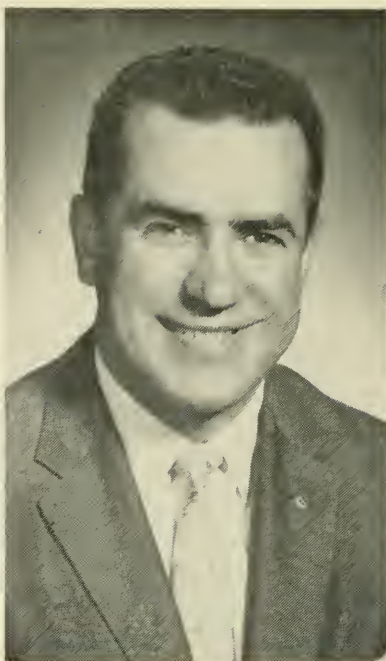
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Grace O'Neal Lehman



John Kostas

"Gentleman Farmer"

Class of 1949



Written by
Donald Elliott Hall

John Kostas, a self-styled "gentleman farmer," kept his promise in 1957 and returned to Indiana where he leased Brown's Hotel.

Mr. Kostas is a 1949 graduate of Indiana State College where he majored in geography and minored in science and social studies.

John is presently residing on a 27 acre farm outside of Indiana with his wife, the former Madeline Sue Torok and two sons Nicholas, 10 and Michael, 7. Mrs. Kostas, of New Kensington, attended Indiana in 1947-48.

Some folks would say "gentleman farmer" Kostas has gone to the dogs. If judging only from the standpoint of his kennel and eight boxers this would be true. Others members of the Kostas family are three horses, and a holstein cow.

John Kostas was born in Mobile, Alabama to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas and Helen Kostas. He was raised in Ambridge, Pennsylvania where he was a 1941 graduate of Ambridge High School.

Kostas starred in football, wrestling and track while attending high school. He was awarded letters in all three sports. Other honors that John won were All-State Football Player in 1940 and All-WPIAL in 1939 and 1940. He played end and in his own words, "I was the lightest player in the county and even in Pennsylvania. I only weighed 136 pounds and was 5'7".

Athlete Kostas entered Indiana State Teachers College in 1941. In 1943 he joined the Marine Corps for three years. John was a drill instructor at Paris Island before he went into boxing. He gained fame as a boxer by winning the Carolina Boxing Championship. Other accomplishments were gained through his success as a boxing coach. His team competed in the National AAU Tournament in 1946 at Boston, Mass. During his service boxing career, John posted a 41-2 record.

The hotel business beckoned John after his release from the service in 1946. He went into business with his father and brother at the Ambridge Hotel for a year.

John returned to Indiana in 1947 to complete his college education. He also resumed his boxing career and attended the 1948 NCCA tournament in Madison, Wisconsin. "I represented the college and was selected on my service record because Indiana didn't have a team. I was eliminated by a close decision during the tournament."

Versatile John, tried his hand at writing in January, 1949 when he accepted a position of Sports Editor on the *Indiana Countian*. He succeeded his fraternity brother Sam Addis. While sports editor he promoted boxing and coached the Indiana County Tomahawks football team.

January, 1950 saw the return of John Kostas to the Indiana campus. He received a minor in science during his semester's work.

Homer City was the next stop for John. He accepted a teaching position at the Homer City High School. John also served as head football coach. His extra curricular activities included a part time sales job.

During the summer of 1951 Kostas went to Buffalo, N. Y. where he was District Sales Manager for the Chalfonte Products Corporation. In 1951 he started his own Sales Organization with a franchise for Chalfonte Products.

John left Brown's May 1, 1960, to take another position. He is presently the sales manager in Western Pennsylvania for Aluminum Company of America.

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Indiana State College's social studies department will in the very near future be housed in the Wilson Hall on the North walk of the main campus of the college in Indiana, Dr. Willis E. Pratt, president of the college, said.

Wilson Hall for more than the past decade has housed the college library but by March or April of 1961, the library will have been moved to the New Rhodes R. Stabley Library building.

The Indiana State College social studies department has grown through the years to be one of the college's largest academic subject matter departments. The department trains history and social studies majors as well as serves the entire college in general education classes and social sciences.

The department at the present time has a faculty of fifteen persons including Dr. Raymond L.

Lee - department chairman, Calvin H. Blair, Dr. Clyde C. Gelbach, Robert M. Hermann, C. M. Johnson, James Kehew, Michael Kirlik, Jane S. Mervine, Dr. Esko Newhill, Merle J. Rife, Dr. John R. Sahli, Bert A. Smith, Dr. Louise E. Sweet, Dr. Albert J. Wahl, and Florence Wallace.

The present social studies department gives a wide range of courses in United States and European History, Regional History, Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, Economics, and Philosophy.

The department's use of the Wilson Hall Library will make it the first time in the eighty-five year history of the college that the social studies department has had a building exclusively for its own use. The social studies group will be the third department to have a building devoted entirely to classes in its own subject matter area. The foreign language

department which now uses Elkin House and the music department which uses Cogswell Hall already have their own buildings.

Wilson Hall which will house the social studies department was erected in 1893 on the college campus as model school and was named for A. W. Wilson, third president of the Board of Trustees.

From 1941 until 1960, the building has served as the center for the library of the college. In the 1960-61 academic year Wilson Hall has continued to serve as the library center and from 1961 on until Wilson Hall will have become a general classroom building for the social studies department.

ATHLETIC FIELD DEVELOPMENT

Further progress will be made during the winter on the development of the Indiana State College's new athletic field in the old glassworks area, Dr. Willis E. Pratt said.

Work on this athletic field project is becoming extremely necessary, Dr. Pratt indicated, because of the projected building of three new dormitories for women, a new dining room, and a home economics classroom building on the area now occupied by the college athletic field and college houses facing grant street.

The General State Authority has allocated about \$216,000 for developments on the new athletic field project, Dr. Pratt said.

The project envisages the construction of stands at the football field to hold over 5,000 people and also the building of dressing rooms and supply rooms underneath the stands.

It is very possible that these stands will not be ready for the 1961-62 season, Dr. Pratt said, and he has already arranged for

the erection of temporary bleachers for the new football field.

In the long range plans of the field over the next several years, Dr. Pratt said, the college hopes to construct a field for women's sports, several practice fields for football, a soccer field, two baseball fields, four softball fields, parking for 250 or more automobiles, and four all weather tennis courts making a total of ten.

Plans for the athletic field development are to be ready by January, 1961, Dr. Pratt said.

Also projected along with the athletic field development is the construction of a field house and gymnasium for which \$75,000 has already been appropriated to draw up plans for preliminary work.

The field house will contain a large basketball court which will provide more than 5,000 spectators, a new swimming pool, men's health and physical education classes, and a room for women's student groups using fields in the new athletic area.

SPECIAL EDUCATION WING

A new special education wing being added to the John A. H. Keith building at Indiana State College will be completed and equipped by February 1, 1961.

Dr. Pratt has pointed out that the new wing will house the psychological clinic, speech and hearing clinic, and the reading clinic and will also have a large special education classroom as well as a waiting room and other facilities.

The three clinics at Indiana State College are now housed in Shawanese House and will be moved to the new special education building on or about the first of February.

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